suggested to the Centre to make mechanism in place for undertaking storm surge modelling at National and State level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Tamil Nadu had demanded for setting up of a composite early warning system; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of Tamil Nadu has suggested to the Centre to put in place a mechanism for undertaking storm surge modeling at the National and State level. The Government of Tamil Nadu has also suggested for setting up a composite early warning system to forewarn the people living in the coastal areas and to take up necessary mitigation measures in the medium and long term. The Department of Ocean Development, the nodal agency, has already initiated action for setting up the Tsunami Early Warning System in the Indian Ocean at a cost of Rs.125 crore with a time line of two and a half years. The Tsunami Early Warning System will also be utilized for forecasting storm surges.

Strengthening of security at Nepal and Bhutan borders

3026. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to strengthen the security on the borders with Nepal and Bhutan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that over the next two years, 20 more battalions would be raised and deployed on the borders with Nepal and Bhutan; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the forces deployed to these borders were thin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to strengthen the security on the borders with Nepal and Bhutan to thwart

the anti-India activities of interests inimical to India. Since the deployment of the forces on these borders is not adequte, Government propose to augment deployment of force in order to strenthen the security on the borders with Nepal and Bhutan.

Sri Lankan refugees staying in India

3027. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sri Lankan refugees staying in India, as on date;

(b) the number of Sri Lankan refugees repatriated during the last three years;

(c) whether any arrival of Sri Lankan refugees has been reported during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As reported by the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Orissa, 51,473 Sri Lankan refugees are accommodated in 103 Refugee Camps in Tamil Nadu and 36 Sri Lankan refugees are accommodated in 1 camp in Orissa. In addition, about 17,082 Non-camp Sri Lankan refugees are staying outside the Refugee Camps in Tamil Nadu.

(b)

Calender Year	No. of Sri Lankan refugees repatriated (after ascertaining their willingness)
2002	752
2003	2359
2004	3636
TOTAL:	6727

(c) Yes, Sir.